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MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Coordination of Intelligence Activities Regarding the Formosa Straits Situation

1. As a means of providing prompt and authoritative joint current intelligence summaries to the President and other senior policy-makers regarding the Formosa Straits situation, the IAC has established the Current Intelligence Group meeting daily in the Indications Center. The reports of that group have been disseminated every day since 21 March.

2. The Watch Committee has prepared and caused to be disseminated to field collection agencies, a sharpened list of "indicators" bearing on this area, as a collection guide. This list will be kept under continual revision.

3. CIA has stepped up its efforts at clandestine collection and other collection agencies have likewise stepped up their efforts.

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4. It is also essential that intelligence support on Taiwan itself for the U.S. Commander, as well as reporting to Washington, be as effective as possible. The intelligence community should do all that it can to ensure against a failure of intelligence at a critical moment.

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5. Accordingly, I suggest that the IAC note the steps being taken by the military authorities in the area, and the other steps indicated above.

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6. With respect to increasing Intelligence effectiveness on Taiwan, there appear to be two additional practical steps appropriate:

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Neither of these two Committees would possess any authority beyond the total of the authorities already held by the respective members; thus Committee authority would be limited to those matters upon which agreement could be reached. In the absence of such agreement the Committees would serve to raise the issue and the normal mechanisms for resolution could then be invoked.

7. Under the concept covered in paragraph 6 above, I recommend:

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me to Admiral Stump that he arrange for the establishment of the  
[REDACTED] as described above.

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9. I recommend that in order to effect these coordinating and liaison arrangements, the IAC members notify their appropriate field representatives.

/s/

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